



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair  
Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Rep. Robert M. Spendlove  
Rep. Norman K. Thurston  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

### Members Absent:

Rep. Paul Ray

### Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Daniel M. Cheung, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Ericka A. Evans, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel  
Mr. Nathan Erickson, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Daw called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

## 1 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes from August 21, 2019, and September 9, 2019, meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

### Yeas-9

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

### Nays-0

### Absent-8

Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Sen. E. Vickers

## 2 . Children's Hearing Aid Pilot Program: Sunset Reauthorization

### [2.1 Children's Hearing Aid Program Amendments \(draft legislation\)](#)

Rep. Barlow presented draft legislation "Children's Hearing Aid Program Amendments."

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, introduced Dr. Stephanie McVicar.

Dr. Stephanie McVicar, Program Manager, Children's Hearing Aid Program, answered clarifying questions from the committee.

Chair Daw invited public comment on the draft legislation.



**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved that the committee recommend "Children's Hearing Aid Program Amendments" (2020FL-0665/002) The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 1 - 4.

Yeas-12

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-1

Rep. N. Thurston

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. P. Ray

### 3 . Medical Cannabis: Contraindicated Uses

#### [3.1 Marijuana in Pregnancy, Lactation, and in Children \(Dr. Shiozawa\)](#)

Chair Daw introduced the topic of medical cannabis.

Dr. Brian Shiozawa, MD, Associate Vice President for Health Services, University of Utah Health Sciences, briefed the committee on the risks associated with cannabis use by youth and by women who are pregnant or lactating.

Chair Christensen invited public comment.

Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke to the issue.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, Drug Safe Utah Education, spoke to the issue.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, confirmed a statement made by Gayle Ruzicka.

George Chapman spoke to the issue.

Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, spoke to the issue.

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, addressed the use of tetrahydrocannabinol by individuals using electronic cigarettes.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to open a committee file to consider modifying restrictions related to pregnant and lactating women and adolescent use of medical cannabis. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 3 - 4.

Yeas-10

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King

Absent-4

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. P. Ray  
Sen. E. Vickers

**4 . Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program**[4.1 Healthcare Workforce Financial Assistance Program Amendments \(draft legislation\)](#)[4.2 Healthcare Workforce Financial Assistance Program \(handout\)](#)[4.3 Utah Healthcare Workforce Financial Assistance Program \(presentation\)](#)

Rep. Ward presented draft legislation "Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program."

Matt McCullough, Director, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, Utah Department of Health, answered clarifying questions from the committee.

**5 . Opioid Misuse: Prescriber Education and Prescriber Compliance with State Law**[5.2 Implementation of 2018 H.B. 127 and 2019 H.B. 186 \(DOPL; 9/18/19 update\)](#)

Melanie Wallentine, Controlled Substance Database Program Manager, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce, and David Furlong, Chief Investigator, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce, presented an update on the implementation of 2018 H.B. 127, "Controlled Substance Database Act Amendments," and 2019 H.B. 186, "Opioid Prescription Regulation Amendments."

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved that the committee open a bill file that applies the Nurse Practice Act provision specifying that "knowingly entering into any medical record any false or misleading information or altering a medical record" is unprofessional conduct to all other prescribers. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-15

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
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Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0Absent-2

Rep. P. Ray  
Sen. E. Vickers



## **6 . Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Lisonbee moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. King  
Rep. P. Ray  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.